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1. We noted [redacted]'s suggestion in Reference with interest. We concur fully in the idea of considering certain P/A's as long-range political action agents. There is little doubt that CAMLET possesses the necessary qualifications to be developed into a first class political agent. However, we urge you to go slow with respect to CAMLET. Even though he backed our play during the Berlin Conference, we have no evidence that he has softened his basic political concepts, sic., the SPD line. We must remember that he is a long-time Socialist, that his principal contacts acknowledge that political affiliation, and that he consistently plays the SPD line in his daily paper whenever significant political issues are at stake. This affinity does not conflict with his proven pro-Western ideologies since these have their basis in his staunchly anti-communist feelings. Because of the latter, it is entirely possible for him to see eye to eye with us in the international conflict between communism and democracy without sacrificing his political integrity vis a vis purely German affairs. However, to give the devil his due, CAMLET is not averse to breaking SPD discipline when he disagrees with party proposals and is prone to lecture leading SPD functionaries when he thinks that their maneuvers are strategically or tactically unsound.

2. The above comments are not meant to be an anti-SPD harangue. We think that these viewpoints are applicable whatever the political affiliation of the prospective political action agent. It is a valid premise to expect political action agents developed by KUBARK to support our policies wholeheartedly with the means at their disposal, irrespective whether a case officer is on the scene or not. At the present time, we have no concrete evidence or assurances that BOB's principal agents are ready and willing to sublimate their national and/or party interests to the benefit of U.S. policy. We should not count on their complete loyalty to the U.S. cause at this date, and as Germany receives more sovereignty, their nationalistic inclinations may well become more pronounced. CAMLET frequently expresses nationalistic viewpoints, but that does not preclude the possibility that he

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may be developed into a political action agent. We should allow sufficient time for developing him along such lines, always bearing in mind that our efforts may not be completely successful.

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